

## Murray Rankin – Founder, The Distillery



Murray has extensive domestic and international experience in both the public and private sectors. He is best known for creating The Distillery in ACT, US, UK, NZ, South Africa and Asia. He co-founded The Distillery in 1997, and as CEO grew it to 130 staff globally. Murray successfully exited the company in 2004 to pursue his passion for helping emerging entrepreneurs and innovators.

He has won numerous national awards for entrepreneurship, technology and innovation including the Telstra National Small Business of the Year, AIIA/Australian Financial Review iAward for Most Innovative Product, rated #17 in Deloitte's Tech-Fast 50 and was a past winner of the ACT Emerging Exporter of the Year.

Murray holds post-graduate qualifications and is an occasional guest lecturer in business strategy at the ANU, Macquarie University and Melbourne Business School. Murray sits on or chairs numerous boards of innovative Australian companies utilising his in-depth experience in capital raising, rapid growth and exit strategies and is a sought after speaker on the challenges and isolation of corporate success.